

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the outstanding office action of November 8, 2005. In that office action, claims 1, 2, 4-12 and 14-20 were rejected based upon the patents of Bowder, Sordello and Kolze. In the office action, it was indicated that claims 3 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 3 and Claim 3 has been cancelled. Independent Claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 13 and Claim 13 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 2 4-12 and 14-20 are currently pending in the application.


Applicants have made a diligent and bona fide effort to answer each and every ground for rejection or objection to the specification including the claims and to place the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested, and for the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition to be passed to issue and such action is earnestly solicited.

This amendment is being submitted with a request for a two month extension of time and a check in the amount of \$225.00. It is believed that no additional fees are presently due. However, should that determination be incorrect, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Patent Office officials to debit Deposit Account No. 50-0562 to satisfy any and all fees which may be due.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this matter further, please contact
the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

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